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Reply

Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of Taisho

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your excellency's note of this day's date in which you state:

"If in future the Hanyehping Company and the Japanese capitalists agree upon co-operation, the Chinese Government, in view of the intimate relations subsisting between the Japanese capitalists and the said company, will forthwith give its permission. The Chinese Government further agrees not to confiscate the said company, nor, without the consent of the Japanese capitalists to convert it into a state enterprise, nor cause it to borrow and use foreign capital other than Japanese."

In reply, I beg to state that I have taken note of the same.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) HIOKI EKI.

His Excellency,

LOU TSENG-TSIANG,

Minister of Foreign Affairs.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES RESPECTING THE FUKIEN QUESTION

Note

Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of the Republic of China

Excellency,

A report has reached me to the effect that the Chinese Government has the intention of permitting foreign nations to establish, on the coast of Fukien Province, dock-yards, coaling stations for military use, naval bases, or to set up other military establishments; and also of borrowing foreign capital for the purpose of setting up the above-mentioned establishments.

I have the honor to request that your excellency will be good enough to give me reply stating whether or not the Chinese Government really entertains such an intention.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) HIOKI EKI.

His Excellency,

LOU TSENG-TSIANG,

Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Reply

Peking, the 25th day of the 5th month of the 4th year of the Republic of China

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your excellency's note of this day's date which I have noted.

In reply I beg to inform you that the Chinese Government hereby declares that it has given no permission to foreign nations to construct, on the coast of Fukien Province, dock-yards, coaling stations for military use, naval bases, or to set up other military establishments; nor does it entertain an intention of borrowing foreign capital for the purpose of setting up the above-mentioned establishments.

I avail, etc.,

(Signed) LOU TSENG-TSIANG.

His Excellency,
HIOKI EKI,
Japanese Minister.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES RESPECTING THE ACCESSION OF JAPAN TO THE DECLARATION OF SEPTEMBER 5, 1914, BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, AND RUSSIA, ENGAGING NOT TO CONCLUDE PEACE SEPARATELY DURING THE PRESENT EUROPEAN WAR [1]

London, October 19, 1915

No. 1

Sir E. Grey and the French and Russian Ambassadors to the Japanese Ambassador

(Translation)

Your Excellency, *London, October 19, 1915.*

We, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto by our respective Governments, have the honor to invite the Imperial Japanese Government to signify, through your excellency, their adherence to the Declara-

[1] Great Britain, Treaty Series, 1915, No. 1.